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**GRASS VALLEY FELON CHARGED WITH  
POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that on April 26, 2007, a federal grand jury returned an indictment against JOSHUA DAVID PACKARD, 26, of Grass Valley, California, for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

This case is the product of extensive investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force, comprised of the Nevada City Police Department, the Grass Valley Police Department, and other state and local law enforcement in and around Nevada County.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, PACKARD was wanted by local authorities for a parole violation and evading officers on April 7, 2007, in a high speed chase through residential neighborhoods. On April 8, 2007, PACKARD was arrested at his grandmother's house. PACKARD is charged with possession of a loaded firearm on his person. According to court documents, PACKARD has four prior felony convictions: (1) grand theft, in Nevada County, on or about October 6, 2000; (2) forgery/passing false checks, in Nevada County, on or about October 16, 2000; (3) possession of controlled substance, in Nevada County, on or about January 16, 2003; and (4) evading a peace officer, in Nevada County, on or about March 7, 2003.

If convicted, PACKARD faces up to ten years in federal prison. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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